

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

Claims 1-29. (Canceled).

Claim 30. (Currently Amended): ~~The communication device as set forth in Claim 29;~~ A communication device connected to an image pickup unit for photographing a subject, said device comprising:

an input unit adapted to input images from the image pickup unit;

a communicative unit adapted to transmit the pickup images inputted by said input unit to a transmission destination in communication therewith; and

a control unit adapted to start an operation of said communicative unit in response to the image pickup operation of the image pickup unit,

wherein said control unit controls said communicative unit so as to make a break in communication with the transmission destination after a lapse of a predetermined time period from the time when the transmission of the pickup image is completed,

wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by a user, and

wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.

Claim 31. (Canceled).

Claim 32. (Currently Amended): ~~The image pickup unit as set forth in~~
~~Claim 31;~~ An image pickup unit having a communicative function to transmit pickup
images obtained by picking up images of a subject, said unit comprising:
a manipulative unit adapted to instruct a predetermined operation; and
a control unit adapted to start the image pickup operation and an operation
of the communicative function on the basis of the instruction of a predetermined operation
by said manipulative unit,
wherein said control unit controls execution of the communicative function
so as to make a break in communication with a transmission destination after a lapse of
given time a predetermined time period from the time when the transmission of the pickup
image is completed,
wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by
a user, and
wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed
by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.

Claim 33. (Canceled).

Claim 34. (Previously Presented): ~~The storage medium as set forth in Claim 33;~~ A storage medium in which a processing step for transmitting pickup images obtained by photographing a subject to a specified transmission destination is stored so as to be readable by a computer, wherein said processing step includes a step of starting an image pickup operation of picking up the image of the subject and a communicating operation with the transmission destination on the basis of instructions of a predetermined operation given from a user to transmit the pickup images obtained by the image pickup operation to the transmission destination,

wherein said processing step further includes a step of making a break in communication with the transmission destination after a lapse of a predetermined time period from the time when the transmission of the pickup image is completed,

wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by the user, and

wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.

Claim 35. (Canceled).

Claim 36. (Currently Amended): ~~The communication method as set forth in Claim 35;~~ A communication method for communicating photographic images from an image pickup unit for picking up images of a subject to a transmission destination, said method comprising:

an input step of inputting a photographed image;

a communicative step of transmitting the photographic image inputted in
said input step to the transmission destination in communication therewith; and

a control step of starting execution of said communicative step in response
to the image pickup operation of the image pickup unit,

wherein said control step includes controlling execution of said
communicative step so as to make a break in communication with the transmission
destination after a lapse of a predetermined time period from the time when the
transmission of the photographic image is completed,

wherein the lapse of the predetermined time period can be arbitrarily set by
a user, and

wherein setting of the lapse of the predetermined time period is performed
by selecting from among plural modes displayed on a display unit.

Claims 37-40. (Canceled).